

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

As someone who has been working in the cable television industry for eight years, I have seen first hand how media consolidation in TV, radio and publishing has had an extremely detrimental impact on the media landscape, both for consumers and for the small and mid-sized companies that have been squeezed out by the giants. I fail to see how further deregulation will be in the best interest of America as a whole and not just the shareholders of Disney, AOL-TW, Viacom and a handful of others.